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of the

M E D I C A L O F F I C E R O F H E A L T H

for the

Y E A R E N D I N G

31st D E C E M B E R, 1965.

OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1965

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	....	....	....	....	2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid-year)					4,930
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1965	....				1,625
Rateable Value at 31st December, 1965				....	£158.546
Net product of a penny rate		....	....		£630


VITAL STATISTICS

		M	F	Total
Live Births:	Legitimate	37	52	89
	Illegitimate	-	2	2
Still Births:	Legitimate	-	2	2
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

Eng. & Wales 1964

Live Birth Rate:	Crude	18.4;	Corrected	19.2	18.4
Death Rate:	"	13.8;	"	8.6	11.3
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	"	11.0;			20.0

There was only one death of an infant under one year of age.



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CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	-
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	4
Coronary disease, angina	3	5
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
Other heart disease	4	13
Other circulatory disease	5	2
Pneumonia	2	6
Bronchitis	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	4
All other accidents	1	1
	<u>25</u>	<u>43</u>

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health

J. Young, M.B., Ch. B., D.P.H. - to 31.3.65.

W.L. Palmer, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H. - from 1.4.65.

Tel. Oakham 2544.

Public Health Inspector

H. Tabberer, Cert. Royal San. Instit.

Assistant Public Health Inspector

Geo. Pawlett, M. Instit. Housing Managers.

The Public Health Inspector is also Surveyor to the Council.

Tel. Oakham 2575.

2. LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations in your area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester.

Nose and throat swabs	67
Faeces & urine	20
Blood	2
Sputa	4
Vaginal & cervical	3
Water	3
Miscellaneous	74
	<u>173</u>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

<u>Water</u>	<u>Bacteriological</u>	<u>Chemical</u>
Number of Samples taken for Analysis:-		
(a) from wells	-	-
(b) from piped supply	5	-
(c) at source of public supply	-	-
Results of Samples taken:-		
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory	-	-
satisfactory	-	-
(b) from piped supply - unsatisfactory	-	-
satisfactory	5	-

All the public supply sources are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was unrestricted throughout the year.

Leicester Corporation is responsible for the water supply.

Practically 100% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a few cases the water is not laid into the houses. These are mainly in an area scheduled for re-development. There are no public stand-pipes but in 7 cases taps are shared.

Two good houses with satisfactory piped private supplies are the only houses not on the public supply.

The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.2 p.p.m. and the Council decided in 1963 that no objection be raised to any proposal for the addition of fluoride to the water supply.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

No extensions to sewers have been made except for private housing developments.

There were at the end of 1965, 13 houses not connected to the sewers but these are in isolated parts, including 4 farm houses. One is capable (by crossing another owner's land) of connection and this work was in progress at the end of the year. Extensive enlargement and modification of the sewage disposal works are projected. The sewage from the villages of Barleythorpe and Eggleton is also dealt with here.

Closet Accommodation

There are no privies or pail closets and only one chemical closet. There is, therefore, no nightsoil collection.

Public Cleansing

Refuse Disposal is by tipping in a disused ironstone quarry $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the town between Wing and Pilton. The last ashpit in Oakham was abolished many years ago.

The Council use an 18/22 Cubic Yard (compressing) refuse collection vehicle acquired late in 1962.

Smoke

No serious complaints were received during the year. There are now no industrial chimneys.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received 79 (including 67 of rats and mice)

Total number of defects or nuisances
discovered arising out of complaints 75 (" " " " ")

This does not include oral complaints which are usually dealt with immediately.

<u>Nature of Inspection</u>	<u>No. of Inspections & Re-visits</u>
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	430
Tents, Vans, etc.	2
Food Premises	56
Dairies	7
Offensive Trades	-
Animal keeping	-
Factories, etc.	30
Shops and offices	81
Other premises	20

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act is separately reported on but is resulting in much improvement to sanitary provisions.

N O T I C E S

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st January, 1965	2	1
Issued during the year	11	3
Complied with during year	10	3
Outstanding 31st December, 1965	3	1

<u>Statutory</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding 1st January, 1965	10	1
Issued during the year	3	1
Complied with during year	2	2
Outstanding 31st December, 1965	*11	-

*These outstanding cases are Demolition Orders where action is not complete, but none were occupied at the end of the year.

Defects or Nuisances

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are used.

CONTROL OF RATS

The Council now has a contract with Ratsouris Ltd. for rat control. All complaints were promptly dealt with and at the end of the year there was little evidence of rats in the town.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No cases of bed bugs came to notice.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

An open air swimming bath owned by Oakham School Trustees is loaned to the Council during the summer holidays. It has a pressure filter and chlorinator which works most of the time while the bath is in public use. Five inspections were made during the season.

A modern indoor pool at the Vale of Catmose Village College is made available for public use.

INSPECTION & SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

At the end of the year there were four distributors and a milk vending machine and three premises registered. Five inspections of premises were made.

No action was found necessary under Regulation 20 - Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

Ice-Cream

No Ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but twenty premises are registered for its sale.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of inspections 27.

There is now no slaughterhouse in the Urban District.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

Whole carcasses condemned - None.
Carcases of which some part
or organ was condemned - None.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Premises subject to the Regulations are as follows:-

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Complying with</u> <u>Reg. 16</u>	<u>No. to which</u> <u>Reg. 19</u> <u>applies</u>	<u>Complying</u> <u>with Reg. 19.</u>
Butchers	5	4	5	5
Fishmonger	1	1	1	1
Grocers	13	13	13	13
Bread & Con.	4	4	2	2
Hotels & Licensed Premises	14	14	14	14
Works Canteens	2	2	2	2
School kitchens	8	8	8	8
Restaurants	2	2	2	2
Dairy shop, etc.	1	1	1	1
Greengrocers	3	3	-	-

Three contraventions were found and notices were served, one of which has not yet been complied with.

There is a busy street market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Some of the stalls sell vegetables, fruit and other foods. It has rarely been found necessary to draw attention to breaches of the Regulations and the stall holders are generally ready to comply.

Premises Registered Under Food & Drugs Act, 1955 Section 16 for Preparation of Sausages, Potted Meats and Meat Pies - 5.
Preparation and sale of Fish and Chips - 1.

Disposal of Condemned Food

The small quantities involved were disposed of at the refuse tip.

The following canned foods - 12 lbs. pressed ham, 8 oz. corned beef, 4 lb. veal, mainly Continental, and 1 lb. ox tongue - were voluntarily surrendered as unfit.

HOUSING

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made:-	3
Closing Orders made:-	-
Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition or Clearance Orders:-	2
Demolished without necessity of Demolition Order:-	1
Occupied houses with operative Demolition or Closing orders:-	-

Three houses were closed as a result of informal action pending re-conditioning. No cases of overcrowding were known at the end of the year.

There were (at 31st December, 1965) 150 Oakham applicants for Council Houses. Twenty-two of these were sharing houses with parents or others.

Most of the new privately built houses were occupied by people from away. The waiting list is longer than for some years.

There is also a demand for houses from people outside the Urban District, many of whom work in the town.

At the end of 1965 the Council owned 472 houses and flats, ten temporary bungalows and five old houses acquired in William Dalby Street, Westgat Street and Dean Street. Thus over 30% of the houses are controlled by the Council. Six closed houses are held by the Council for demolition.

All the Council's pre-war houses are now fitted with hot water systems and washbasins. Internal W.Cs. were provided to 4 pre-war Council houses.

In twelve cases, houses were improved with Grant Aid under the Housing Acts enabling the provision of 8 baths and washbasins, 10 hot water supplies, 10 W.Cs. and 4 food stores.

Grants had been approved in 6 other cases.

At the end of the year 76 private houses were under construction.

The following table shows new house completions in the last ten years:-

Year	Houses completed other than by the Council	Council Houses	Total
1956	12	8	20
1957	8	2	10
1958	7	14	21
1959	2	-	2
1960	3	21	24
1961	15	21	36
1962	17	63	80
1963	38	8	46
1964	74	1	75
1965	93	6	99
TOTAL:-	269	144	413

Over 56% (914) of the houses in the district have been built in the last 38 years.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND
OTHER DISEASES

(1) Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1965

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Measles	101	-	-
Salmonella Infection	1	1	-

AGE GROUPS

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Under</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>25</u>
	1	2	3	4	5	9	14	24	& over
Erysipelas							1		
Measles	4	9	10	8	21	44	4	1	
Salmonella							1		

(2)

T U B E R C U L O S I S

Age Group	NEW CASES		DEATHS	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
	M F	M F	M F	M F
Under 5	- -	- -	- -	- -
5 - 15	- -	- -	- -	- -
15 - 25	- -	- 1	- -	- -
25 - 35	- -	- -	- -	- -
35 - 45	- -	- -	- -	- -
45 - 55	- -	- -	- -	- -
55 - 65	- -	- -	- -	- -
65 & Over	- -	- -	- -	- -

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

No formal action was found necessary during the year.

APPENDIX
Factories Act, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

I - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	8	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	30	12	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' Premises)	8	10	-	-
TOTAL:-	44	30	-	-

II - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:-					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	-	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council	No. of Prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel Making, etc.	30	-	-	-	-	-
Plastic & Plastic articles	19	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	49	-	-	-	-	-

